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## The State of the Union Address

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JANUARY 27, 2010

*"It is because of this spirit – this great decency and great strength – that I have never been more hopeful about America's future than I am tonight. Despite our hardships, our union is strong. We do not give up. We do not quit. We don't allow fear or division to break our spirit. In this new decade, it's time the American people get a government that matches their decency; that embodies their strength. And tonight, I'd like to talk about how together, we can deliver on that promise."*

-- [President Barack Obama's State of the Union, January 27, 2010](#)



On January 27, 2010 President Barack Obama delivered his first Presidential State of the Union Address to the Congress and the nation. It was a unique moment that allowed the President to address the public on a broad spectrum of issues, including economic recovery and job creation. During his address, he spoke to the American people about restoring security for middle class families after a lost decade of declining wages, eroding retirement security and escalating health care and tuition costs.

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